

In 2012 The commercial Rafting Outfitters reported:

3,651 customers on the Dead River at flows above 2400 Cubic Feet Per Second. That is the threshold for the Dead River to be considered a "rapidly flowing river" In 2011 4501 were reported.

On the Kennebec River our industry reported 48,447 people rafting. That number was up from 44,250 in 2011.

52,098 people in Somerset County in 2012

I hope this helps.

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I might have a copy in my office from an annual safety report. I will have 2014 numbers by the end of April 2015. I'll look when I get there this afternoon.

If I do not, the rafting numbers are public information that gets reported to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the warden responsible for whitewater rafting is Rick Clowry. I would have your friend call Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and ask for the whitewater boating specialist. We report numbers for the Kennebec, Dead, Rapid, Magalloway, Canada Falls, West Branch of the Penobscot. It seems he would just need the Kennebec and Dead numbers.

There is no accurate number for private rafting or for raft rentals.

There is some information on the IF&W website as well.

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/warden_service/wwbp.html#enforce

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